

What is claimed is:

1. A folding multi-tool, said multi-tool comprising:

first and second generally channel-shaped handles each having first and second ends, each generally channel-shaped handle comprising an open side and an at least partly closed side opposite said open side, said at least partly closed sides each defining a plier-receiving opening;

pliers for grasping items and comprising first and second plier halves pivotally and adjustably mounted to each other, with said plier halves being adjustably moveable between a compact, first position for grasping small items and an expanded, second position for grasping larger items, with said plier halves being pivotally mounted to said first ends of said handles; and

wherein said folding multi-tool is foldable between a closed, compact configuration and an opened, extended configuration for operating said pliers, and wherein in said opened, extended configuration said open sides of said handles face each other.

2. The folding multi-tool of claim 1, including first and second stop means disposed adjacent said plier-receiving openings in said partly open sides of said handles.

3. The folding multi-tool of claim 2 wherein said first and second stop means are positioned at least partially within said handles.

4. The folding multi-tool of claim 1 wherein said handles each includes a stop means for limiting movement of said plier halves during folding of said plier halves into said handles through said openings.

5. A folding multi-tool comprising:

a first handle having a first end and second end, said first handle comprising an open side;

a second handle having a first end and a second end, said second handle comprising an open side;

pliers comprising first and second plier halves pivotally mounted to each other, with said plier halves being pivotally mounted to said first ends of said handles;

a first tool pivotally mounted to said first handle at said second end of said first handle, said first tool being pivotally moveable between a closed position and an open position;

a second tool pivotally mounted to said second handle at said second end of said second handle, said second tool being pivotally moveable between a closed position and an open position;

wherein said folding multi-tool is foldable between a closed, compact configuration and an opened, extended configuration for operating said pliers; and

wherein with said folding multi-tool in said closed, compact configuration, said open sides of said handles face away from each other in opposite directions and said first tool is movable from said closed position to said open position while said folding multi-tool remains in said closed compact configuration.